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In re Application of:

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December 16, 2003

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the first Office action mailed August 15, 2003, a two-month extension of time for response from November 15, 2003 to January 15, 2004 being requested, please amend the application as follows.

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